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Entry of this amendment is proper under 37 CFR §1.116, since no new issues or claims are presented and the only claim amendments incorporate subject matter into the rejected independent claim 9, thereby placing all claims into condition for immediate allowance.

Claims 1, 7-9, and 13-20 are all the claims presently pending in this application. Claims 1, 7, 8, and 15-20 are allowed. Claims 2-6 and 10-12 are canceled.

It is noted that Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

Claims 9, 13, and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Okano, UK Pat. No. 2,343,335, further in view of US Application Publication 2007/0060212 to Shah.

The incorporation of subject matter indicated as allowable into independent claim 9 renders this rejection moot.

I. FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1, 7-9, and 13-20, all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

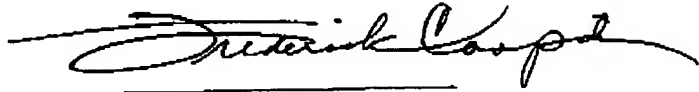
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATION OF TRANSMISSION

I certify that I transmitted via facsimile to (571) 273-8300 this Amendment under 37 CFR §1.116 to Examiner F. Alam on July 9, 2008.



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